

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Friday, February 3, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair  
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson

Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

**2. Budget Review: Child Nutrition Programs**

Dr. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst explained the Child Nutrition Program and funding.

2a-Child Nutrition Programs

2b-Child Nutrition Fund 2340 FY 2016

2c-Child Nutrition Fund 2340 FY 2015

Chair Hillyard asked if there is much wasted food at School Lunch. Ms. Kathy Britton, Child Nutrition Program Director, Utah State Board of Education responded.

**3. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendation on Child Nutrition Programs**

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) introduced Ms. Britton, and she explained program.

Rep. Brisco asked why charter schools don't receive the school lunch program. Ms. Britton responded and continued with her presentation.

Sen. J. Stevenson asked if the money was a percentage of the alcohol control fund. Ms. Britton responded that 10 percent of the alcohol control fund goes to this program.

#### **4. Budget Review: Initiative Programs**

Dr. Curry explained the Initiative Programs.

##### **4-Initiative Programs**

Chair Hillyard, Reps. Briscoe and Fawson, and Sen. Iwamoto raised questions and discussion concerning the Electronic High School. Dr. Curry, Mr. Jones, Mr. Rich Nye, Associate Superintendent, Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education and Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor to the Governor, and Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, responded to the questions and explained the history of the Electronic High School.

Rep. Spendlove assumed the chair.

Reps. Pulsipher, Moss, Christensen and Sen. Stephenson continued with discussion on the Electronic High School with responses by Mr. Nye and Ms. Pyfer.

Dr. Curry continued with her explanation of Initiative Programs.

Rep. Briscoe, asked if there are external evaluations of each of these programs, and he asked if he could have a history from staff on these programs. Dr. Curry responded and continued with her presentation.

Sen. Stephenson and Rep. Pulsipher asked if there could be competing providers for some of these programs, and if there is data on the effectiveness of the programs. Mr. Leishman and Dr. Curry responded and Dr. Curry continued with her presentation.

Reps. Briscoe, Thurston and Sen. Stephenson asked about the General Financial Literacy funding. Thalea Longhurst, CTE Director, responded.

Senate Chair Hillyard resumed the chair.

Dr. Curry continued with her explanation of Initiative Programs.

Rep. Briscoe asked about nonlapsing balances. Dr. Curry responded and continued with her explanation.

Chair Hillyard asked about Scholarship funding. Dr. Curry responded and continued with her presentation.

Rep. Arent, Chair Hillyard and Sen. Adams asked about the Roy Cone Program and funding. Ms. Pyfer with the assistance of Mr. Jacob Wright, Financial Operations Specialist, Utah Governor's Office of Management and Budget, responded.

## **5. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Initiative Programs**

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education and Natalie Grange, Assistant Superintendent, explained the State Board of Education recommendations on Initiative Programs.

### **5-Initiative Programs (USBE)**

Chair Hillyard, Sens. Stephenson, Adams and Rep. Pulsipher asked about the UPSTART program. Dr. Dickson, Ms. Grange, and Sen. Millner responded. Mr. Jones continued with the presentation.

Mr. Leishman responded that he linked a document (5a) on the web for more information on the initiative programs.

Sen. Stephenson asked about the Electronic Elementary Reading Tool request and the fidelity rate of usage. Mr. Leishman and Dr. Dickson responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked about the Peer Assistance Review Program. Dr. Dickson responded. Rep. Briscoe also made a comment about the funding of other Initiative Program and keeping school teachers.

Chair Hillyard made a comment on the revenue available, the budgeting of that revenue and the difficult decision this subcommittee has to make.

Rep. Christensen asked if any of the funding going to higher education could be reallocated to public education. Chair Hillyard responded.

## **6. Budget Review: Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

Dr. Curry explained the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind budget.

### **6-Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

House Vice Chair Spendlove assumed the chair.

## **7. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

Mr Joel Coleman, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) introduced Carolyn Lasater, Associate Superintendent for the Blind, and Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent for the Deaf.

### **7-Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB)**

Reps. Gibson, Eliason, and Arent expressed their appreciation to the USDB and said that these students are in need of more than they are getting. Rep. Ellison asked about bonding for a building for USDB. Chair Hillyard responded. Mr. Coleman continued with his presentation.

## **8. Budget Review: Education Contracts**

Dr. Curry explained Education Contracts.

### **8-Education Contracts**

## **9. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Education Contracts**

Dr. Dickson spoke about Youth in Care and Youth in Corrections. Chair Hillyard made a comment on these programs with Dr. Dickson responding.

Break

Chair Hillyard called the meeting back to order.

## **10. Budget Review: Fine Arts Outreach**

Mr. Leishman explained the Fine Arts Outreach programs.

#### 10-Fine Arts Outreach

Rep. Arent asked about the matching aspect of the Professional Outreach Program(POPS) and the organizations in the subsidy program. Mr. Leishman responded. Sen. Stephenson asked if this subcommittee is still funding the science program that used to be part of the POPS. Mr. Leishman responded.

#### **11. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Fine Arts Outreach**

The State Board had no additional comments.

#### **12. Fine Arts Outreach Providers**

Pamela Gee, Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theater, Kasandra VerBruggen, Executive Director, Spy Hop Productions, Eliot Wilcox, Executive Director at Timpanogas Storytelling Institute.

12a-POPS Summary

12b-SpyHop

12c-Timpanogos

12d-Utah Film Center

Rep.Fawson and Chair Hillyard asked about funding possibilities for these programs. Mr. Wilcox, Ms. VerBruggen and Ms. Gee responded.

Rep Arent and Sen. Stephenson commented on the value of these Fine Arts Outreach Programs.

Chair Hillyard asked who decides whether to fund these programs. Ms. Gee and Mr. Leishman responded

Sen. Iawamoto commented on the importance of these programs.

#### **13. Other Business**

**MOTION:** House Vice Chair Spendlove moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

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House Vice Chair Spendlove adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Chair

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Rep. Daniel McCay, Chair